

(e) assist needy claimants in the preparation and filing of claims;

(f) make such investigations as may be necessary;

(g) make expenditures for witness fees and mileage and for other administrative expenses;

(h) prescribe such rules and regulations, perform such acts not inconsistent with law, and delegate such authority as he may deem proper in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 7. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of this Act such sums as Congress may from time to time determine to be necessary.

Approved July 2, 1948.

[CHAPTER 815]

AN ACT

Authorizing the conveyance of certain lands in Park County, Wyoming, to the State of Wyoming.

July 2, 1948

[H. R. 4462]

[Public Law 887]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to issue a patent to the State of Wyoming for the east half of the northeast quarter, section 36, township 58 north, range 100 west, of the sixth principal meridian, in Park County, Wyoming, subject to any existing lease or leases: *Provided*, That title to said land shall be held and considered to have been vested in the State of Wyoming on July 10, 1890.

Park County, Wyo.
Issuance of patent.

Approved July 2, 1948.

[CHAPTER 816]

AN ACT

To amend the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 to extend the benefits of such Act to certain mothers of veterans.

July 2, 1948

[H. R. 5908]

[Public Law 888]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) clause (5) of section 2 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, as amended, is amended by striking out "and were widows at the time of the death or disability of their ex-serviceman son or ex-servicewoman daughter".

(b) Clause (6) of section 2 of such Act, as amended, is amended by striking out "(B) The mother was divorced or separated from the father of said ex-serviceman son or ex-servicewoman daughter, and (C) said ex-serviceman son or ex-servicewoman daughter is the only child of said mother", and inserting in lieu thereof "(B) The mother was divorced or separated from the father of said ex-serviceman son or ex-servicewoman daughter, and (C) the mother has not remarried."

Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, amendment.
Ante, p. 3.

Approved July 2, 1948.

[CHAPTER 817]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force to donate excess and surplus property for educational purposes.

July 2, 1948

[H. R. 5882]

[Public Law 889]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, and Secretary of the Air Force

Donation of surplus property for educational purposes.

are hereby authorized in their discretion to donate for educational purposes in the States, Territories, and possessions without cost, except for costs of packing, transportation, and delivery, such equipment, materials, books, and other supplies as may be obsolete or no longer needed by the Army, Navy, or Air Force and which any such Secretary or the United States Commissioner of Education, Federal Security Agency, may consider usable for educational purposes.

Basis of allocation.

SEC. 2. All property which the Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, or Secretary of the Air Force may so donate, except that donated in accordance with section 3 hereof, shall be allocated on the basis of needs and utilization by the United States Commissioner of Education for transfer by the owning agency directly to schools, colleges, or universities or to State Departments of Education, for distribution by the State to tax-supported schools, colleges, and universities and other nonprofit schools, colleges, and universities which have been held exempt from taxation under section 101 (6) of the Internal Revenue Code; except in any State where another agency is designated by State law for such purposes such transfer shall be made to said agency for such distribution within the State.

53 Stat. 33.
26 U. S. C. § 101 (6).

Donation to military, etc., schools.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Air Force may donate such of the property specified in section 1 hereof as they consider usable for educational purposes to those educational activities that are of special interest to the armed services, such as maritime academies or military, naval, air force, or coast guard preparatory schools.

Approved July 2, 1948.

[CHAPTER 818]

AN ACT

July 2, 1948
[H. R. 6096]

[Public Law 890]

To provide for making available the Government-owned alcohol plants at Muscatine, Iowa, Kansas City, Missouri, and Omaha, Nebraska, for the production of products from agricultural commodities in the furtherance of authorized programs of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Department of Agriculture.
Transfer of certain alcohol plants.

58 Stat. 765.
50 U. S. C. app.
§§ 1611-1646; Supp. I,
§ 1612 et seq.
Ante, pp. 350, 1103.

58 Stat. 765.
50 U. S. C. app.
§§ 1611-1646; Supp. I,
§ 1612 et seq.
Ante, pp. 350, 1103.

Operation of plants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of assuring their operation for the production of products from agricultural commodities in order to provide a means of discharging the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture in connection with surplus agricultural commodities, research, and other authorized activities, and to assist in providing an adequate supply of alcohol and other products produced from agricultural commodities necessary for the national defense, (1) the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, as successor to Defense Plant Corporation, shall transfer, without regard to the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 and without reimbursement or transfer of funds, to the Secretary of Agriculture all of its right, title, and interest in and to the alcohol plant established and constructed by Defense Plant Corporation at Muscatine, Iowa, the property, together with the equipment, records, facilities, and other property appurtenant thereto; and (2) the War Assets Administration shall transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture without regard to the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 and without reimbursement or transfer of funds the alcohol plants at Kansas City, Missouri, and Omaha, Nebraska, together with the land, equipment, facilities, and other property appurtenant thereto.

SEC. 2. In carrying out the purposes of this Act the Secretary is authorized, upon such terms and conditions as he deems reasonable, and notwithstanding the provisions of any other law—

(a) to provide for the operation of such plants by lease or other arrangement;